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## Senate

The Senate met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable JEANNE SHAHEEN, a Senator from the State of New Hampshire.

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Merciful God, sustainer of our lives, provide for all the needs of our lawmakers. Give them strength for struggles and successes, for shadows and sunshine, for valleys and mountain summits. Awaken in all of us a fresh appreciation for this great land, inspiring us to keep alive a real sense of freedom.

Lord, thank You for our Nation's Founders, for their ideals and principles. We are grateful also for the long line of patriots who have kept freedom's flame burning brightly. As American citizens, give us a love for righteousness so that, receiving Your grace, we may bless the world for the praise of Your glory.

We pray in Your sacred Name. Amen.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable JEANNE SHAHEEN led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. INOUE).

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,  
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,  
Washington, DC, July 13, 2010.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby

appoint the Honorable JEANNE SHAHEEN, a Senator from the State of New Hampshire, to perform the duties of the Chair.

DANIEL K. INOUE,  
President pro tempore.

Mrs. SHAHEEN thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

### RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

### SCHEDULE

Mr. REID. Madam President, following leader remarks, the Senate will proceed to a period of morning business. Senators will be allowed to speak for up to 10 minutes each. That will be until 12:30 today.

### ORDER OF PROCEDURE

I ask unanimous consent that the Republicans control the first 30 minutes and the majority control the next 30 minutes.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. REID. Madam President, today I hope we can return to the small business jobs bill. I am confident amendments should already have been exchanged. We are in a difficult situation. It is a tax bill. We can go back and look through many Congresses in the past. Whenever we get close to an election, there is a tax bill on the floor, so we have to be very careful how the amendment process works. I hope we can move forward in good faith, have amendments offered by each side. I have had calls from two Republican Senators wanting to move forward on this bill. I hope we can do that. The fact that the so-called tree is filled should not bar any constructive consideration of this legislation. There is no effort being made to stop amendments,

other than amendments that will get us into areas we need not get into. This is a bill to promote jobs through small business, where most jobs are created. I hope we can do that. I also expect to consider the Wall Street reform conference report sometime later in the day.

### ORDER FOR PRINTING OF SENATE PRAYER

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the prayer delivered by our Senate Chaplain on Thursday, July 1, when the Senate gathered to remember Senator Robert C. Byrd, be printed in the RECORD and as a part of the memorial book of Senate tributes.

There being no objection, the prayer was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

PRAYER FOR SENATOR ROBERT C. BYRD

(By Dr. Barry C. Black, Thursday, July 1, 2010)

Let us pray.

God our refuge and strength, close at hand in distress and giver of all comforts, we thank You for giving us the gift of Senator Robert Carlyle Byrd. Lord, we appreciate his wit and wisdom, his stories and music, as well as his indefatigable commitment to the principles of freedom that make America great. Thank You for blessing us with his passion for history and his willingness to challenge conventional wisdom in his quest to keep our Nation strong. Deal graciously with all who mourn, that, casting every care on You, we may know the consolation of Your love.

Lord, comfort Mona and Marjorie and all of Senator Byrd's loved ones, dispelling their fears with Your love, easing their loneliness with Your presence, and renewing their hopes with Your promises.

In Your mercy turn the darkness of death into the dawn of new life, and the sorrow of parting into the joy of heaven.

We pray in Your Holy Name. Amen.

Mr. REID. I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

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